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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

Please enter the following preliminary amendment into the above-referenced application.

ABSTRACT

Please insert the attached abstract into the application as the last page thereof.

CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Please delete claims 1-14 and insert the following new claims 15-24.

15. (New) Method for transmitting the status data of an answering service comprised in a local exchange in a telecommunication system comprising a local exchange (LE), an answering service (1) connected to the local exchange, an access node (AN) connected to the local exchange, a wireless communication system (WLL) connected to the access node and a telecommunication terminal (MS) connected via the wireless communication system to the access node, c h a r a c t e r i s e d i n

that a port-specific connection is set up from the access node (AN) to the local exchange (LE) by opening an audio channel from the access node to the local exchange, the status of the answering service (1) is verified in the access node (AN) on the basis of a signal tone given by the local exchange and, based on the status of the answering service (1), an announcement is sent from the access node (AN) to the telecommunication terminal (MS).

16. (New) Method as defined in claim 15, c h a r a c t e r i s e d in that an announcement regarding a message received in the answering service (1) is sent to the telecommunication terminal (MS).
17. (New) Method as defined in claim 15, c h a r a c t e r i s e d in that the announcement to the telecommunication terminal (MS) is sent in the form of a short message (SMS).
18. (New) Method as defined in claim 15, c h a r a c t e r i s e d in that the status of the answering service (1) is verified at predetermined points of time.
19. (New) Method as defined in claim 15 c h a r a c t e r i s e d in that the status of the answering service (1) is verified in conjunction with a call event on the telecommunication terminal (MS).
20. (New) System for transmitting the status data of an answering service comprised in a local exchange in a telecommunication system comprising a local exchange (LE), an answering service (1) connected to the local exchange, an access node (AN) connected to the local exchange, a wireless communication system (WLL) connected to the access node and a telecommunication terminal (MS) connected via the wireless communication system to the access node, c h a r a c t e r i s e d in that the access node (AN) comprises means (2) for setting up a port-specific connection to the local exchange (LE) by opening an audio channel from the access node (AN) to the local exchange, means (3) for verifying the status of the answering service (1) on the basis of a signal tone and means (4) for sending an announcement to the telecommunication terminal (MS) on the basis of the status of the answering service (1).
21. (New) System as defined in claim 20, c h a r a c t e r i s e d in that the access node (AN) comprises means (4) for sending to the telecommunication terminal (MS) an announcement indicating that a message has been received in the answering service (1).
22. (New) System as defined in claim 20, c h a r a c t e r i s e d in that the access node (AN) comprises means (4) for sending to the telecommunication terminal (MS) an announcement in the form of a short message (SMS).

23. (New) System as defined in claim 20, c h a r a c t e r i s e d in that the system comprises means (5) verifying the status of the answering service (1) at predetermined points of time.
24. (New) System as defined in claim 20, c h a r a c t e r i s e d in that the system comprises means (6) for verifying the status of the answering service in conjunction with a call event on the telecommunication terminal (MS).

REMARKS

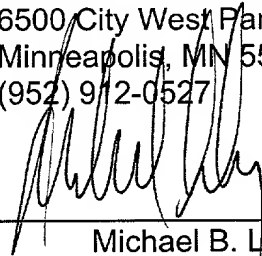
The above preliminary amendment is made to insert an abstract page into the application and to insert new claims for examination.

Applicant respectfully requests that this preliminary amendment be entered into the record prior to calculation of the filing fee and prior to examination and consideration of the above-identified application.

If a telephone conference would be helpful in resolving any issues concerning this communication, please contact Applicant's attorney of record, Michael B. Lasky at (952) 912-0527.

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Method for transmitting the status of an answering service comprised in a local exchange in a telecommunication system comprising a local exchange (LE), an answering service (1) connected to the local exchange, an access node (AN) connected to the local exchange, a wireless communication system (WLL) connected to the access node and a telecommunication terminal (MS) connected via the wireless communication system to the access node. In the method, a port-specific connection from the access node (AN) to the local exchange (LE) is set up, the status of the answering service (1) is verified in the access node (AN) and, based on the status of the answering service (1), an announcement is sent from the access node (AN) to the telecommunication terminal (MS). The system comprises means (2) for setting up a port-specific connection to the local exchange (LE), means (3) for verifying the status of the answering service (1) and means (4) for sending an announcement to the telecommunication terminal (MS) on the basis of the status of the answering service (1).